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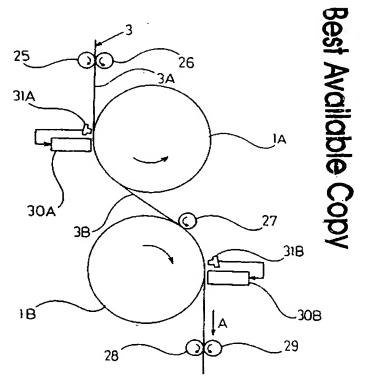
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TITLE THERMAL TRANSFER PRINTER



ABSTRACT: PURPOSE: To permit thermal transfer recording on both sides to be performed by only one-time charging of recording paper by providing the first platen to pressingly contact with one side of a recording paper and the second platen to pressingly contact with the other side.

> CONSTITUTION: A thermal transfer printer consists of the first platen 1A to pressingly contact with one side 3A of a recording paper 3, the second platen 1B to pressingly contact with the other side 3B of the paper 3, the first thermal transfer printer 30A to make thermal transfer recording on the other side 3B of the paper 3, and the second thermal transfer recorder 30B to make thermal transfer recording on one side 3A. By properly setting up the time from the detection of the tip of a recording paper 3 by a sensor 31A to the beginning of thermal transfer recording by the recorder 30A and also the time from the detection of the tip of the paper 3 by the sensor 31B to the beginning of thermal transfer recording by the recorder 30B, thermal transfer recording can be started from the same position on both sides of the paper 3.

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